

Educational Policies Committee Minutes

9/13/2021 3 to 4 pm

Attending:

Brandon Crawford

Constantine Deliyannis

Kelly Eskew

Rob Kunzman

Andrea Need

Elizabeth Pear

David Rutkowski

Dan Sacks

Lisa Thomassen

Jason Wang

Brian Winterman

Kurt Zorn

Task Force on Sustainability as a Shared Goal: Update by Brian Winterman and Sarah Mincey.

This is the first Shared Goal since 2006, and the Task Force is proposing that it be a “required” Shared Goal with emphasis on a duty to report by academic units rather than a duty of students to complete certain requirements (which would be more akin to a “GenEd requirement.”) See [IUB GenEd Requirements](#) for a discussion of both and the distinctions.

Task Force will seek further input from EPC members and circulate revised proposal, identifying issues for vote vs. issues for recommendation and accord, prior to October meeting. BFC Executive Committee will be informed of timeline.

Military training policy (John Summerlot)

The current practice is to tell students with military obligations to notify their faculty as soon as they are aware of a conflict. In some cases this is months out and in others just a couple weeks. Of course, some students do it at the last minute. Military orders can be confusing to people who aren't used to seeing them. The IU Center for Veteran and Military Center will verify orders and send an email to their faculty members confirming the obligation. While few faculty contest students' required absences, a small number do refuse to accommodate weekend training and short deployments. It is most useful to have a policy that applies across all IU campuses.

Approaches may include revising USSS-18 policy on Student Military Leave of Absence. [Questions to be addressed include where student would direct papers: to Registrar or to academic unit, or to Veteran's office?] Alternatively, the VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students [policy on absences](#) could be revised.

We will seek guidance from BFC Executive Committee at its meeting on 9/14/21 and circle back to John Summerlot

- NOTE: BFC requested a proposal by Oct 19 and first reading by Nov 2 with second reading Nov 16.

International students language testing (Padraic Kenney) October

Language testing was suspended due to COVID in Fall 2020 and extended through this Fall. The Office of Undergraduate Affairs is looking at the option of having students take the test remotely. It will be back in effect Fall 2022. The College wishes to have policy formalized. To be discussed at future meeting.